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ELECTION and PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of restriction dated 27 September 2004, please consider the enclosed election and amend the above-identified application as follows:

An Election of claims for present examination appears on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin in page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.

Election

Applicant hereby elects the claims identified in the Examiner's Action as Group II, claims 1-11 together with the herein newly added Group II claims 37-41 for present examination on the merits.